



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The Department will amend, create, and repeal sections in chapter 388-865 WAC, chapter 388-877 WAC, chapter 388-877A WAC, chapter 388-877B WAC, and any other sections as may be required that pertain to Regional Support Networks (RSNs) and behavioral health services.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 71.05.560, chapter 70.96A RCW, chapter 71.05 RCW, chapter 71.24 RCW, and 2SSB 6312.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The Department needs rules on this subject to comply with Second Substitute Senate Bill (2SSB) 6312, Chapter 225, Laws of 2014, which requires the Regional Support Networks (RSNs) to be renamed Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs), and authorizes the Department and the Health Care Authority (HCA) to establish regional service areas within the state and integrate substance use disorder treatment with mental health services. The proposed changes will also update the rules in order to provide more consistent statewide administration, continuity, delivery, and monitoring of behavioral health services which impact consumers, their families, advocates, and contracted providers.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Department will coordinate this rule making with the Health Care Authority (HCA).

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact:

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